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SUBJ: LAR ENTERS SHIPPING INDUSTRY

1. LAR HAS TAKEN ITS FIRST STEPS INTO MARITIME SHIPPING INDUSTRY. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE LIBYAN GENERAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION (LGMO):

(A) LGMO NOW OWNS TWO SHIPS OF 2200 TONS EACH, FLYING THE LAR FLAG, PLYING BETWEEN ALGERIA AND FRANCE.

(B) LGMO INTENDS TO PURCHASE 2 FERRIES WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE VEHICLES AND ABOUT 50 PASSENGERS, FOR SERVICE BETWEEN LAR AND SOUTHERN EUROPE AND POSSIBLY EGYPT.

(C) LGMO ALSO INTENDS ACQUIRE 2 TANKERS OF 80,000 TONS FOR GENERAL CHARTERING, I.E., NOT NECESSARILY TO HAUL LIBYAN CRUDE.

2. ACCORDING TO LIBYAN NEWS AGENCY ARTICLE OF JULY 4, THE NATIONAL OIL CORPORATION (NOC) HAS SIGNED A 22 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT WITH "ASTELLEROS ESPANIOLES" OF BILBAO, SPAIN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TANKERS. THE VESSELS ARE

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EXPECTED TO BE 47,000 DEADWEIGHT TONS, 206.75 METERS LONG, 11.95 METERS DRAUGHT, WITH A SPEED OF 15 KNOTS. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE LIBYAN CRUDE TO THE ZAWIA REFINERY (WEST OF TRIPOLI), AND FUEL OIL TO NORTHERN EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MARKETS.

3. OUR LGMO SOURCE DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN THE ENTRY OF HIS COMPANY INTO SHIPPING AND THAT OF NOC. NOC IS INTERESTED ONLY IN SHIPPING ITS OWN CRUDE, WHILE LGMO INTENDS TO BECOME RECOGNIZED AS INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY AND CRUDE CARRIER.
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